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In re application of:

SCHRÖDER et al.

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Entry papers filed herewith August 13, 2001

For: VACCINE COMPOSITION

Attention: PCT OFFICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/EP00/01046. The following amendments pertain to the claims as amended.

Please note that the amended pages 1-2 attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Annexes) and submitted herewith, have replaced the originally filed pages 10-11 of the application. The claims to be examined and amended by this preliminary amendment are found on amended pages 1-2.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-6 and 8-10 with the following amended claims.

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